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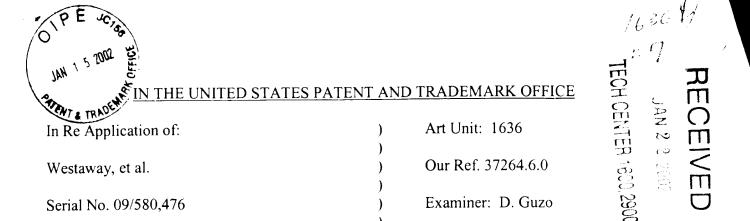
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure, a completed Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. Consideration of each of the listed references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Applicant also respectfully requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration be returned with the next Official Action, as set forth in MPEP 609. Attached hereto are copies of the following references.

Yamshchikovv, et al., Virology, 281, 294 (2001)

Barba *et al.*, "Bicistronic Flavivirus replicons based on tallow fever 17D," page 33 of the abstract book from the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Hepatitis C and Related Viruses, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland, 6-9 June (1999)

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Khromykh et al., "Essential Role of Cyclization Sequences in Flavirus RNA Replication", Journal of Virology, July 2001, p. 6719-6728

By submitting these references, applicant does not admit that the references are prior art to or material to this application, and reserves the right to establish that any reference is not prior art. Applicant does not represent that the references have been reviewed in detail; there may be details in the references of which applicant is unaware.

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